

Testimony of

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Good afternoon, Senator McCrory, Representative Currey, Senator Berthel, Representative McCarty, and members of the Education Committee.

I testify today in support of House Bill 6884. This bill takes important steps toward addressing the educator shortage in Connecticut, showing educators that theirs is a respected profession, and ensuring that our classrooms and schools can provide the best possible education for our students.

Teaching is a highly rewarding and equally challenging profession. It requires intellectual and emotional exertion. In addition, teachers are required to complete five years of post-secondary education and engage in continuous learning. Teachers should be compensated accordingly. Standardized evaluations and tests do not promote equity or personalization. This profession is in dire need of respect, support, and salary increases.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

